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The Portfolio for:

MILBOURNIE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

5106 US 264 Highway West
Wilson, North Carolina 27893
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

Midweek Prayer Service 7:30 PM

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The following portfolio was compiled and researched by the Pastoral Search Committee of Milbournie Church. The portfolio was completed in January 2002.

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BRIEF HISTORY: Shortly after the close of World War II the Milbournie treasury was stolen and the records of the church were burned and, as a result, much of the early beginnings of Milbournie are recollections of some of the older members having been passed down since World War II.

The church started about 1880 at a site about a mile and a half west of its current location in the "Sprawls Lamm School House". In 1886 the church was listed as Milbournie to the conference. An acre of land was donated to the church at the nearby "Tell Eatmon Mill Pond" and the church joined the conference on October 18, 1889 still located in the one room "Sprawls Lamm School House" with seventeen members. Shortly after registering with the conference, a church was built on the "Tell Eatmon Mill Pond".

It is believed the name, Milbournie, was the result of a gathering of the ladies of the church. One of the ladies was a school teacher who had been impressed with her studies of the city of Melbourne, Australia. The Melbourne influence, integrated with the fact the mill on this location had burned and made way for the church to acquire the property, is believed to have been the forces in creating the name for our church.

The "Tell Eatmon" site served the needs of the church until about 1920 when the congregation decided to build a new structure on Highway 264. The building was completed and services were held in the new building in 1924 with preaching each 4th Saturday and Sunday and Sunday School each Sunday. The church was moved in 1957 to its present position and was brick veneered. Central heating and air conditioning was installed in 1963 and the first organ was donated to the church in 1965.

The theological position of the church has been that we must dedicate our lives to all mankind and ourselves to our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

LOCATION: Approximately 5 miles West of Wilson, North Carolina on Highway 264W, 1/8 mile from its intersection with Interstate 95.

DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS: The main church building contains a sanctuary which seats 175 people with a 20-seat choir loft, 5 classrooms, a furnished nursery, a choir room, a pastor's study, 2 rest rooms and a storage room.

The fellowship hall was completed in July of 1979. It is detached from the church building and offers space for special events for the church and community. This building features adequate kitchen space, 2 storage rooms, and a shelter that is useful for cookouts.

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The parsonage is located about 100 yards behind the church building on an acre lot. It was completed in August 1974 and has 1,800 square feet of heated area with a carport, deck, 2 bathrooms, 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and den with central heating and air conditioning. A detached storage building is located on the lot at the rear of the house.

ATTENDANCE: The average Sunday School attendance at this time is approximately 60. Active membership is 185 with worship attendance of 80 to 100 weekly. Attendance at Wednesday night Bible study is usually 20 to 25 people.

INTERNAL OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION: Milbournie is governed by its Board of Deacons following the guidelines of the church body as recorded in the minutes of all regular and called business meetings. While we do not expect a pastor to serve on every board of the church, we believe we function better and are more viable with strong leadership from our pastor.

THE BUDGET: We budgeted expenditures of nearly $96,000 for 2001 calendar year. Deposits for years 1999 and 2000 totaled $238,000 while expenditures were $218,000. We have been able to maintain strong financial reserves for the past several years. We have assets worth 1.3 million dollars, $42,945 in our building fund and the church has no outstanding debt at this time. An endowment was established in July, 2001.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS:. The church has a copier, computer and other office equipment for printing weekly bulletins and other publications. A church directory has been published and additional updates to that directory have been made. There are also church brochures available in the vestibule for visitors and others interested in our church.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMUNITY: Lamm's Crossroads community, where Milbournie is located, is located on U. S. Highway 264 west of Wilson, and services an exit for travelers on Interstate 95, offering a variety of restaurants, hotels and convenient stores. The city of Wilson, is located about five miles from our crossroads and serves Wilson County and Eastern North Carolina extensive health services, several shopping centers, restaurants and recreation facilities.

Schools - School district of Hunt High School, Springfield Middle School, Rock Ridge Elementary, and 4 private schools. Springfield Middle, Rock Ridge Elementary, and 1 private school are brand new facilities.

Wilson Corporate Park - A 500-acre industrial park, is approximately 2 miles from our community, with the largest tenant being Merck Pharmaceutical.

CITY OF WILSON:
Location - Wilson is located 45 miles east of Raleigh, North Carolina and the Research Triangle Park and 100 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean.

Education - Wilson Technical Community College offers vocational training as well as a 2-year liberal arts degree transferable to our institution of higher education, Barton College. Barton is a private 4-year liberal arts institution.

Recreation - There are ample recreation facilities, including Fleming Stadium, home of the Wilson Tobs, golf courses, tennis courts, a bowling alley, reservoirs for boating and fishing and city swimming pools.

Culture & Museum - Wilson Arts Council, The Edna Boykin Cultural Center and the Imagination Station Science Museum are available.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Milbournie has three active youth groups, which have a combined regular attendance of 30 children. The youngest and smallest of these youth groups are the Cherubs. Children from birth through seven years of age attend this group. The middle aged group is the AFC, which consist of children eight to twelve years of age. The YFA is the largest of the three groups and consists of youth that are in the sixth grade all the way through high school graduation.

All three youth groups sponsor special fun events and their own fund-raising projects. In the fall, the three groups combine to sponsor a Fall Festival that all church members enjoy. Food, games and a night of Christian fellowship is enjoyed by everyone. Money is also appropriated in the church budget for their needs.

Vacation Bible School is held one week during the summer with an average nightly attendance of sixty children and twenty adults. Also, during the summer the youth of Milbournie, ages eight and above, attend Cragmont Assembly in Black Mountain for a week-long spiritual retreat. Average camp participation is 25 children. Several times a year on a 5th Sunday, we have Youth Sunday, with the youth handling the morning worship service.

The youth also sponsor the annual Christmas play.

The youth of Milbournie has been a steady growing part of the overall membership of Milbournie. This growth is due to a lot of well planned and organized events, interesting Bible lessons and by word of mouth. This community offers the potential of adding many more children to our youth program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School at Milbournie begins at 10:00 A. M. each Sunday morning with the Sunday School Superintendent presiding. We have six Sunday School classes with at least two teachers each, elected for one year terms. The classes, age groups, enrollment and average attendance follow:

CLASS NAME	AGES	ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
Kindergarten	Infant- 4	6	2
Primary	5 - 7	5	2
Junior	8 - 11	7	7
Senior	12 -20	9	3
Women	21 - up	38	32
Men	21 - up	25	18
	Total	90	64

DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT: Our church gives financial support to Cragmont, The Children's Home, Foreign Missions, Mount Olive College, Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, Home Missions, the State Convention and the Western Conference. Our financial support of enterprises amounts to approximately 10 percent of our budgeted expenditures, making our church a tithing church to the denomination.

We additionally pay half the cost of camp for any of our young people who desire to attend a week of camp at Cragmont and encourage all youth to attend.

Some of our young people have chosen to further their education at Mount Olive. We have several Mt. Olive graduates in our church. We are always represented at the Wilson County dinner for the College and almost always meet our dinner goal. We have a very good representation to the Mt. Olive dinner.

We send delegates to the Western Conference and the State Convention.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees is composed of three members.

CHURCH CLERK: Milbournie has a church clerk who maintains proper church records and records of church business meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We have a finance committee whose responsibility is to promote Christian stewardship and to plan the budget of the church. The church treasurer is a member of the Finance Committee.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: In 1999, the church appointed a Building Committee consiting of 7 members. This committee was established primarily to design an all-purpose building to accommodate potential growth in areas of classrooms, youth and other church-related activities, as well as a baptistry. A tract of land adjacent to the land presently owned by Milbournie has been donated for this building.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Our church has an executive committee whose purposes are to plan and coordinate the church calendar and to make nominations for all vacancies (except pastorate), contact prospective nominees for willingness to serve, and present such names to the Board of Deacons. The executive committee consists of Presidents of Woman's Auxiliary and Men's League, Chairmen of Board of Deacons and Trustees, Youth Coordinator and Sunday School Superintendent, with the Pastor and Music Director, serving as ex-officio.

LADIES AUXILIARY:

The Milbournie Woman's Auxiliary is a Christian fellowship organization which has a wonderful opportunity to witness and work for our God and our church. We use the Free Will Baptist Devotion for our lessons. Our average attendance is 15 members. We support our church, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Children's Home and Cragmont, in addition to our community. The largest project we have each year is our "Fall Bazaar". Proceeds from this project are divided; 1/2 for Auxiliary projects, 1/4 for the needy, 1/8 for the Children's Home and 1/8 for Cragmont. Our average annual budget is $11,500. We have benevolence committees to assist our bereaved families. We serve refreshments after Sunrise Service each Easter and after

revivals each spring and fall. We organize a flower calendar for the church, help with Vacation Bible School, organize a 4th of July church picnic and give Sunshine baskets and love offerings at Christmas. Quarterly, we thoroughly clean the kitchen in the Fellowship Building.

In the past few years, the Woman's Auxiliary has remodeled the Fellowship Building, bought new carpet and pew cushions for the sanctuary, updated the parsonage, and placed the marquee in front of the church.

MEN'S LEAGUE:

The Milbournie Men's League is primarily a Christian fellowship organization. We sponsor four fellowship events each year for all church members wishing to attend. Its main goals are to promote Christian fellowship as well as sponsor small projects, including a clean-up day for Homecoming and other events.

SENIOR ADULTS:

Milbournie has an active Senior Adult group. Meetings are monthly, with a combination of eating meetings and other meetings with a variety of activities of interest to older adults. Average attendance is 20.

CHOIR:

The Milbournie Choir has an average membership of twenty volunteers. Some of the members have had musical training. It is a talented group whose voices blend well and who enjoy singing for the Lord. The choir has been an organized group with a paid director for several years. The organist and pianist are members of the church. Choir practice is held each week. Two cantatas are performed each year. Several combinations within the choir form duets, trios quartets, etc. Several members also serve as soloists. The church has recently purchased new choir robes and sound system.

The purpose of the choir is to lead the musical portion of the church service and be an inspiration to set the mood for the meaningful worship.

FORMER PASTORS:

Part of the history we have lost has been the dates some of our pastors served our church. Following is a list of the former pastors of Milbournie and the dates served for those we can be certain.

Reverend Utley (First name not known)	J. B. Ferrell	1938-1940	(2 years)
Hardy Boykin	L. H. (Herndon) Boykin	1940-1941	(1 year)
Bryan Carroll	J. C. Varnell	1941-1945	(4 yrs.)
Henry Renfrow	R. C. Proctor	1945-1949	(4 yrs.)
Ben Tippett	Milford Hales	1949-1950	(1 yr.)
J. K. Ruffin	Willie Renfrow	1950-1953	(3 yrs.)
Lawrence Strickland	Dewey Boling	1953-1968	(15 yrs.)
Eddie Morris	Harry Grubbs	1968-1975	(7 yrs.)
Ben Cash	John Williams	1975-1979	(4 yrs.)
George Davis	Charles Crisp	1980-1982	(2 yrs.)
M. E. Godwin 1935-1938	Curtis Jones	1982-1993	(12 yrs.)
	Richard Holmes	1993-2001	(8 yrs.)
	Billy Toler	2002 —	

OTHER FACTS:

The yards and building are maintained by paid personnel.

PARTICULAR CONCERNS:

The primary concerns of Milbournie Church are as follows:

Sunday School

- The slow growth of the Sunday School
- Effective methods beyond present methods to improve this growth
- The impact on growth of our present facilities

Membership

- Winning souls for Christ
- Membership attendance
- An effective ministry for all age groups

Short Range Planning

- Continue to upgrade the present annual goals and our short-range plan

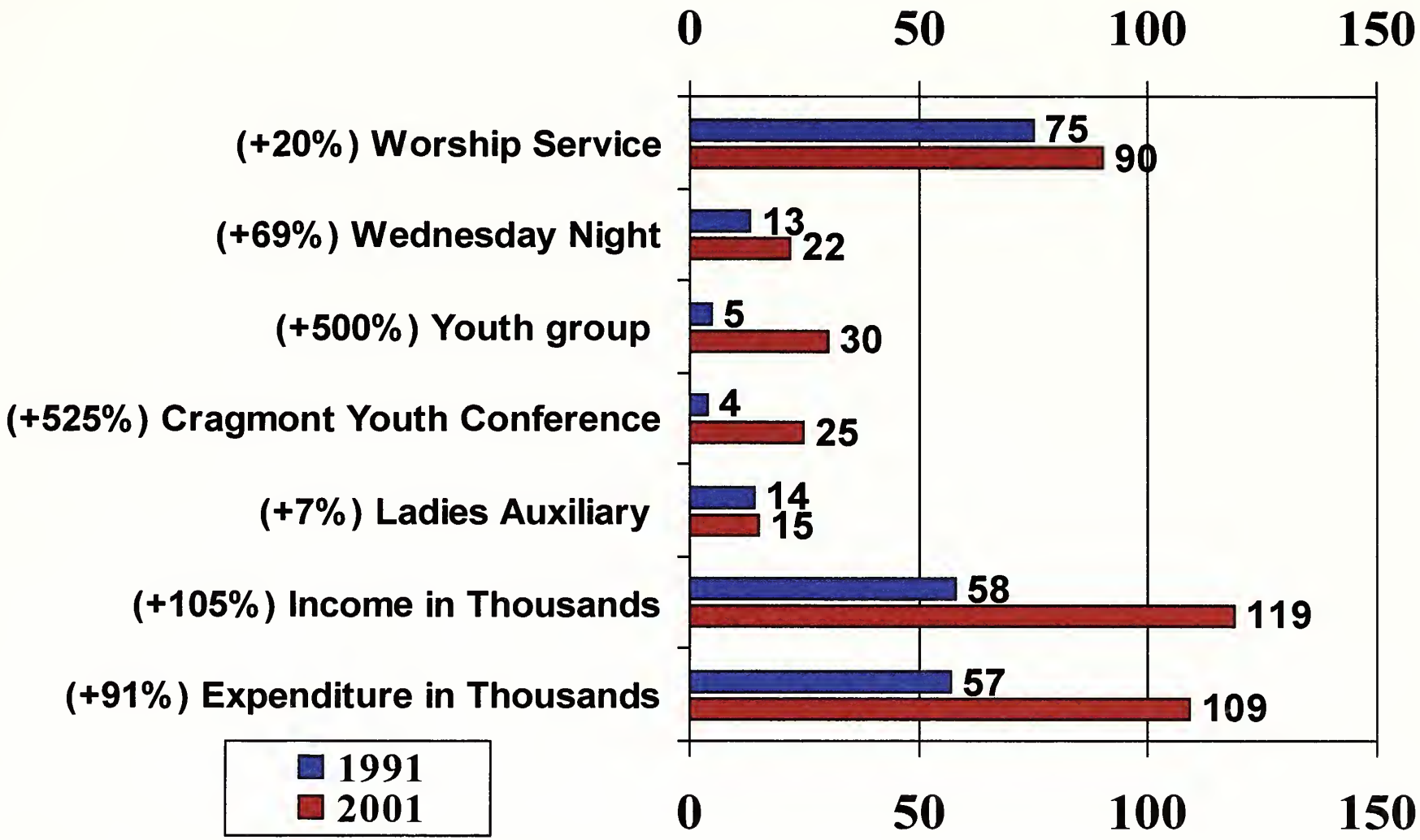
Long Range Planning

- Continue upgrading the present long-range plan
- Continue work at moving forward with the present proposed long-range building program

Denominational Ministries

- Address and improve any area that will strengthen our denomination

Milbournie Church
10 Year Growth Chart
1991 - 2001



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Pastor Job Description

The Pastor Is To:

- Minister to the spiritual needs of the members
- Minister to the membership for development of Christian maturity
- Preach faithfully the Word and be an example to the membership
- Adhere to and participate in the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for the Original Free Will Baptists
- Have a reciprocal open line of communication with the officers of Milbournie in seeing that efficient scriptural discipline and programs are maintained

Pastor Responsibilities

- Perform the duties as in the above Articles of Faith
- Work with and support the church officers, boards and committees
- Visit all the membership and prospective church members regularly and consistently
- Visit the sick, elderly and shut-ins regularly and consistently
- Minister to the needs and concerns of all the membership, groups and committees on an equal basis
- Plan all services for continuity with the songs and other activities of the service
- Develop a ministry that will focus on developing meaning and increasing membership in the youth programs
- Provide counseling to the bereaved, the new members, the troubled and any other special requests of the members

Rev. Billy Toler was voted in as pastor of Milbournie at the April 13, 2002 Quarterly Conference. The vote was 56-0.